

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A fabric for a garment, comprising
~~Support article or under article that can be used alone or~~
~~preferably under a support article while in direct contact with~~
~~the skin of the wearer, characterized in that it is essentially~~
~~knit with at least two different mesh structures, i.e.:~~

[[-]] a first structure for a first zone of the garment ~~said~~
~~article or under article~~ that extends from the end intended for
the toes to the level of the ankle bones of ~~said~~ a wearer, ~~this~~
the first structure zone being a knitted ~~according to a so called~~
[["]]floating mesh[["]] pattern in a textile material with an
outer surface that is opposite that in contact with the skin of
the ~~said~~ wearer and that is smooth[[,]]; and

[[-]] a second structure for a second zone of the garment
~~said article or under article~~ that extends from the aforementioned
ankle bones to the other end opposite that intended for the ~~said~~
toes, ~~this~~ the second structure zone being a knitted ~~according to~~
~~a so called~~ [["]]woven mesh[["]] pattern, in an adapted elastic
textile material with a weave titer of between 240 dtex and 600
dtex in such a way as to afford light compression or support ~~at~~
~~the level of~~ in the ~~said~~ second zone.

2. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the smooth textile material used for the first structure is a synthetic textile material with ~~7~~ ~~preferably~~ a flat synthetic filament, untextured and ~~preferably~~ in combination with an elastothane.

3. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the smooth textile material used for the first structure is a polyamide in the form of a filament.

4. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the textile material used for the second structure comprises at most 50% by weight of a natural textile material, ~~such as cotton, linen, or silk.~~

5. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the textile material used for the first and/or second structure comprises a ~~modified~~ synthetic textile material with ~~[[a]]~~ an improved physico-chemical property ~~that has been improved relative to the base synthetic textile material, such as improved thermal insulation, water vapor permeability, bactericidal and/or fungicidal action, an odor-suppression effect, etc.~~

6. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, further comprising an ~~wherein it comprises a~~ ~~so-called~~ alternative knitted heel with a flat synthetic filament.

7. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the compression or support applied

to the wearer at the level of the ~~said~~ first zone is less than 13 hPa.

8. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the compression or support applied to the wearer at the level of the ~~said~~ second zone is between 13 and 30 hPa, ~~preferably between 20 and 30 hPa.~~

9. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of ~~it is~~ a stocking or an under-stocking.

10. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of ~~it is~~ tights or undertights.

11. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of ~~it is~~ a legging or an underlegging, ~~i.e., an article placed under a legging provided with a single leg intended to support a single lower limb.~~

12. (currently amended) The fabric ~~Article or under article~~ according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of ~~it is~~ a sock or an undersock.

13. (new) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the floating mesh pattern includes four rows of mesh sequentially arranged with a first of the rows comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on all columns of the pattern, a second of the rows comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on

even columns and whose loops are not formed at all on odd columns, a third of the rows comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on all columns of the pattern, and a fourth of the rows comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on odd columns and whose loops are not formed at all on even columns.